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SUBJECT:U.S.-ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION
(BIRDF): PROPOSED RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING
CERTAIN ACTIONS BY MR. WILLIAM MILLS (SCIENCE ATTACHE, U.S.
EMBASSY, TEL AVIV), DR. ARYEH LAVIE AND MR. DOV EDEN

REF: TEL AVIV 10746

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM FROM ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVI-
RONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS ROBERT C. BREWSTER TO BIRD
GOVERNORS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS MEMORANDUM AND
ATTACHMENT TO LAVIE, MANDELBAUM, AND SIVAN WITH REQUEST
THEY FURNISH EMBASSY WITH EITHER COMMENTS OR APPROVAL.

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DECEMBER 30, 1977
WHILE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE BIRD
FOUNDATION'S START-UP ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, MR. WILLIAM
MILLS, THE SCIENCE ATTACHE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV,
AND DR. LAVIE HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO COMPENSATE A.WADE BLACK-
MAN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DESIGNATE, AND TO ORGANIZE
THE OFFICES OF BIRD IN TEL AVIV. ON DECEMBER 5, 1977,

MR. MILLS AND DR. LAVIE TRANSFERRED \$18,933.22 IN FOUNDATION FUNDS TO MR. BLACKMAN. ON DECEMBER 14, 1977, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DR. LAVIE, MR. MILLS WROTE A LETTER TO

DOV EDEN, AUTHORIZING MR. EDEN TO WRITE LETTERS OF INTENT TO HIRE ONE SECRETARY AND ONE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FOUNDATION STAFF, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978.

MR. MILLS AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV HAVE REQUESTED THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO RATIFY THESE ACTIONS. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE ASKED THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE (1) MR. MILLS AND DR. LAVIE TO COSIGN A LETTER TO DOV EDEN, HIRING HIM AS A TECHNOLOGIST FOR THE BIRD FOUNDATION AT A SALARY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF QUOTE A SENIOR RESEARCH ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY A LARGE ISRAELI FIRM UNQUOTE (ESTIMATED AT 1,316 U.S. DOLLARS MONTHLY PLUS CERTAIN REQUIRED QUOTE EMPLOYER UNQUOTE PAYMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL); (2) MR. MILLS AND DR. LAVIE TO COSIGN LETTERS RETAINING THE SERVICES OF A SECRETARY AND AN ADMINISTRATOR AND SPECIFYING REASONABLE SALARIES TO BE DETERMINED JOINTLY BY THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL; (3) AND MR. MILLS TO SIGN CHECKS JOINTLY WITH MR. EDEN ON THE BIRD FOUNDATION POUND ACCOUNT TO PAY MR. EDEN'S SALARY, TELEPHONE AND TELEX BILLS, PRINTING OF STATIONERY AND GUIDELINES, SUPPLIES AND A TYPEWRITER.

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AS IT SEEMS PRUDENT TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS FACING THE FOUNDATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS DRAFTED AND ATTACHED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING RATIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. WE ARE CIRCULATING THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE INVITE YOU TO DISCUSS IT AND TO TRANSMIT TO US YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF COMMENTS AND APPROVALS RECEIVED BY US.

ATTACHMENT
AS STATED.

END QUOTE.

2. TEXT OF ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

DECEMBER 30, 1977

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS, MR. WILLIAM MILLS, SCIENCE ATTACHE, U.S. EMBASSY,
TEL AVIV, HAS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH DR. ARYEH LAVIE, TAKEN

CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BIRD FOUNDATION;

WHEREAS, PENDING FINAL APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FOR THE FOUNDATION, CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN
TO BEGIN OPERATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLVES:

(1) TO RATIFY THE TRANSFER ON DECEMBER 5, 1977, OF
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\$18,933.22 IN FOUNDATION FUNDS TO MR. BLACKMAN BY DR.
ARYEH LAVIE, CHIEF SCIENTIST OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY,
TRADE AND TOURISM, AND MR. WILLIAM MILLS, SCIENCE ATTACHE
OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON THEIR JOINT SIGNATURES;

(2) TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY MR. MILLS IN WRITING
A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 14, 1977, TO DOV EDEN, AUTHORIZING
MR. EDEN TO WRITE LETTERS OF INTENT TO HIRE ONE SECRETARY
AND ONE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FOUNDATION STAFF, EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 1978;

(3) TO AUTHORIZE DR. LAVIE AND MR. MILLS TO COSIGN A
LETTER TO MR. EDEN, HIRING HIM AS A TECHNOLOGIST FOR THE
FOUNDATION AT A SALARY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF A SENIOR
RESEARCH ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY A LARGE ISRAELI FIRM
(ESTIMATED AT 1,316 U.S. DOLLARS MONTHLY, PLUS CERTAIN
MANDATORY QUOTE EMPLOYER UNQUOTE PAYMENTS TO THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT);

(4) TO AUTHORIZE DR. LAVIE AND MR. MILLS TO COSIGN LETTERS
RETAINING THE SERVICES OF A SECRETARY AND AN ADMINISTRATOR
AT A REASONABLE SALARY TO BE DETERMINED JOINTLY BY THE U.S.
EMBASSY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL;

(5) TO AUTHORIZE MR. EDEN AND MR. MILLS TO WITHDRAW FUNDS
ON THEIR JOINT SIGNATURES FROM THE FOUNDATION POUND ACCOUNT
FOR (1) PAYMENT OF MR. EDEN'S SALARY; (2) PAYMENT OF
FOUNDATION TELEPHONE AND TELEX BILLS; (3) PRINTING OF
FOUNDATION STATIONERY AND GUIDELINES; (4) PURCHASE OF
SUPPLIES AND (5) PURCHASE OF A TYPEWRITER.

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